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**Re: IB Docket No. 02-111**

Dear Counsel:

This is in response to the July 8, 2002 letter from Bell Atlantic New Zealand Holdings, Inc. ("BAHNZI") and Pacific Telecom Inc. ("PTI") to Donald Abelson, Chief of the International Bureau, requesting that the Commission modify the *ex parte* status of the above-referenced proceeding from "restricted" to "permit-but-disclose" ("Joint Request"). At Mr. Abelson's request, I am responding to the Joint Request.

Pursuant to section 1.1208 of the Commission's rules,<sup>1</sup> the Commission has designated this proceeding as a "restricted" proceeding under its *ex parte* rules because the proceeding is neither "exempt" under section 1.1204(b) of the Commission's rules nor "permit-but-disclose" under section 1.1206(a) of the Commission's rules. After reviewing the Joint Request and the issues raised in this proceeding, we are not persuaded by the arguments in favor of changing the *ex parte* status of this proceeding. The proceeding therefore will remain "restricted" under the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

Sincerely,

James L. Ball  
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cc. Donald Abelson  
Chief, International Bureau